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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: GCS Water and Environmental Consultants - Head Office JHB
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Two Rivers Platinum (TRP) is an existing platinum mine in Limpopo province. The mine was authorised and began operation in 2004. Since the start of mining certain listed activities (in terms of NEMA) commenced without authorisation. This application is to rectify these activities. Initial Heritage Impact Assessments were conducted prior to the start of mining, but not prior to the start of the unauthorised activities (these were all undertaken with the existing mining operation and footprint). Limpopo Province.

Two Rivers Platinum are currently undertaking a 24G rectification application for several unlawful activities commenced at the Two Rivers Platinum Mine, Limpopo Province. The unlawful activities include the following:

1. The construction of ten (10) dams at various locations on the site;
2. The expansion of the existing Tailings Storage Facility (TSF);
3. Installation of three (3) sewage plants;
4. A contractor plant upgrade;
5. Permanent use of reef stockpiles 1 and 2;
6. The emergency lay-down area, and
7. An upgrade to the road joining the north decline and silos.

Two separate heritage reports undertaken in 2001 and 2002 by Dr Anton van Vollenhoven were submitted in support of this application. The heritage reports identified graves and other heritage resources such as Stone Age artefacts and Iron Age Sites. Apart from the graves, it is unclear how other heritage resources have been affected by the illegal activities, since the map provided by the EAP only indicates the graves. The heritage reports also do not contain any map with the heritage resources plotted on them.

Decision:

Considering the fact that the illegal activities has already taken place, some of which dates to 2007 and



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possibly as early as 2006, SAHRA APM Unit has no objection to the proposed 24G rectification application, provided that:

1. All graves 60 years and older be retained *in situ*, fenced and access gates installed to allow visits from relatives and family friends. The map supplied indicated a 100 meter buffer zone is currently maintained around the graves. This is acceptable to SAHRA.
2. If any heritage resources are uncovered during construction activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Mrs Colette Scheermeyer/Mr Phillip Hine, tel. 021 462 4502) or an appropriate specialist must be contacted immediately to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant then a rescue excavation may be required at the cost of the developer.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

ADMIN:

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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